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### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Hiroshi Ushimaru )  
Serial No. 10/654,171 )  
Filing Date: September 3, 2003 )  
For Fitting Structure for Knobs )

### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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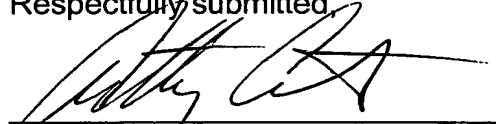
Pursuant to the obligation under 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, Applicant hereby submits references A1-A3 listed on the attached form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed herewith.

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement does not constitute an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56(b). Further, Applicant reserves the right to contest these references as prior art against the present application, and Applicant does not believe that the disclosure of these references, even if finally determined to be prior art, anticipates Applicant's invention or that these references make Applicant's invention obvious.

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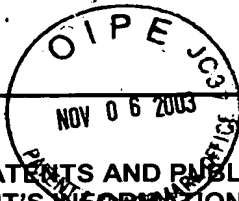
Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of these documents and make them of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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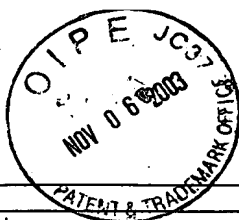
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	A1	4 920 823	05/01/90	Mohr et al.		
	A2	4 084 675	04/18/78	Smith et al.		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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	A3	92-15796	09/17/92	WO		Abstract only	

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 9281-4665
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Inventor(s) Hiroshi Ushimaru			
Title of Invention FITTING STRUCTURE FOR KNOBS			

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Transmitted herewith is Transmittal Letter (in duplicate); Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate); PTO Form 1449;; References A1-A3 and Return Postcard

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.
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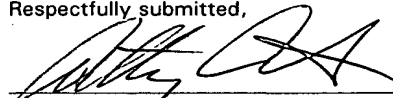
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